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Applicants : Merkley et al.
App. No. : 09/970,389
Filed : October 2, 2001
For : METHOD AND
APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING IMPURITIES
IN CELLULOSE FIBERS
FOR MANUFACTURE OF
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MATERIALS

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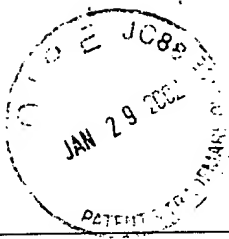
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(f),
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- (X) A Communication with attached copies of previously filed documents.
- (X) A Notice to File Missing Parts.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.



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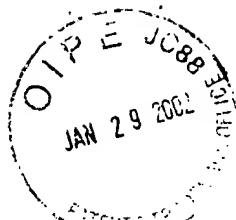
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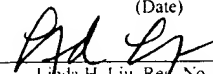
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application mailed November 8, 2001, Applicant believes that this Notice was mailed in error. Enclosed is a copy of the transmittal letter, check and stamped returned postcard indicating that the filing fee was paid upon submission of the Application on October 2, 2001. Also, the transmittal letter authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees to our deposit account. Therefore, Applicant believes that no additional fees are required.

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If additional fees are required, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 11/8/2002

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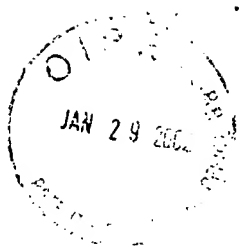
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ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): **Donald J. Merkley and Caidian Luo**

For:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING IMPURITIES IN CELLULOSE FIBERS FOR
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Enclosed are:

- (X) Specification in 28 pages.
- (X) 3 sheets of drawings.
- (X) Recordation form cover sheet with 2-page assignment.
- (X) A power of attorney form and copy of assignment.
- (X) Initial signed declaration by inventors.
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) Form PTO-1449 listing 43 references that are enclosed.
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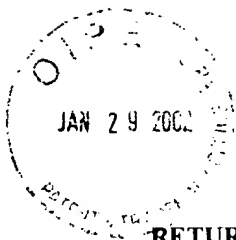
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1098.
 - \$846 for 47 total claims over 20.
 - \$252 for 3 independent claims over 3 .
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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